

containing four classrooms and an auditorium was constructed in 1908 with only a few thousand dollars and volunteer labor. This structure is still being used as a part of the Biscoe Elementary School. For years this was the only high school between Aberdeen and Asheboro. Students came from as far away as twenty miles to attend, traveling in on the morning train and back on an afternoon one. The school was the hub of entertainment for the entire area. The citizens supplemented the teachers' salaries by putting on plays at the school. On such occasions special trains were run from the surrounding towns.

The tradition of good schools in the area is being maintained. Biscoe Elementary School, now serving over four hundred students, occupies the old high school facilities, which have been remodeled, and a new ten classroom addition just completed. The principal of this school is a native of Biscoe.

In 1960 a modern consolidated East Montgomery High School was constructed just south of the Biscoe town limits. This school serves over six hundred students, including those from the Biscoe area.

When the original Biscoe High School building was remodeled, the old school bell was removed and preserved. It now stands next to the Town Hall. This bell is incorporated in the design for the covers of this and other Biscoe Planning Area reports.

Biscoe's growth has been continuous. The first census after Biscoe's incorporation, the 1910 U. S. Census, lists the town's population as 697. The 1960 U. S. Census shows Biscoe with a population of 1,053. A more detailed report of the population growth is contained in a separate section of this report.

Biscoe's town limits have been extended by two annexations. The first annexation occurred on March 5, 1913, extending the lower boundary one quarter of a mile further south. The second annexation took place on October 3, 1966. An irregular shaped area about forty acres in size, and including the Montgomery Nursing Home, was added at the northwest corner of the corporate limits. Some commercial and residential development is spreading out along the highways and streets leading out of Biscoe. In